

# OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DOUG DUCEY



## GOVERNOR'S YOUTH COMMISSION APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP 2015 - 2016

APPLICATIONS MUST BE **RECEIVED** BY  
MAY 27, 2015 AT 3:00 P.M.

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## What is the Governor's Youth Commission?

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Governor's Youth Commission (GYC) is to engage youth through innovative programs, events and campaigns that effectively serve their communities in areas most meaningful to them.

### **MEMBERS**

The GYC is a diverse body of Arizona's high school sophomores, juniors and seniors serving for the 2015 – 2016 school year. The GYC is composed of members from all of Arizona's fifteen counties.

### **MEETINGS**

Quarterly meetings are held on Saturdays from approximately 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Committee meetings are held on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm via GoToMeeting.

Teens learn how to serve on a board, participate in committees, plan service projects and events. Each year the group chooses areas of focus such as, substance abuse, bullying, and other youth challenges where they can have an impact.

## What's in it for me?

- Nationally recognized training program
- Learn to lead
- Serve others
- Build your resume
- Become a team player
- Create partnerships in your community
- Participate in ethical decision making
- Set goals and achieve them
- Find your passion and be inspired
- Gain public speaking skills
- Increase time management skills
- Learn conflict resolution
- Receive diversity and tolerance skill building
- Positive and fun experience, make friends statewide!

## Terms of Tenure

GYC members may serve up to 3 years, with a recommitment form to complete after each year. Re-appointment will be determined by participation and conduct and is at the discretion of the GOCYF staff.

## Agreements of Membership

Being a commissioner requires a high degree of commitment. Before applying, please make sure that you are able to dedicate a sufficient amount of time to the GYC.

### **Commissioners are required to:**

- Serve as a positive role model and adhere to a high code of conduct.
- Conduct themselves professionally at all meetings, events, and on all social media.
- Attend four in-person meetings a year, must arrive on time and be prepared.
- Provide for their own transportation to all GYC meetings and events.
- Actively participate in one sub-committee.
- Participate in five conference calls per year, Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm.
- Take initiative in coordinating activities and leading community volunteer projects.
- Encourage and inspire other youth to service.
- Advance the work of GYC in full coordination with GOCYF staff.
- Wear appropriate GYC attire when asked, a GYC polo will be provided to you.
- Be a great listener, taking everyone's opinions into consideration.
- Enjoy networking and collaboration.
- Follow curfew if and when overnight accommodations are provided.
- Ensure required forms on file with the GOCYF are current, including: Parent Authorization, Medical Release, Photographic Release, Contact Information, Mentor Information, and Agreements of Membership.
- This is a non-partisan position, but you must be able to represent the office of the Governor in a positive way at all times.

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**Application Process**

The GYC recruitment process consists of an application and interview. All youth who are eligible to apply must meet the application requirements. Finalists will be invited to interview on June 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>. The interview will either be in person at the Capitol or for those unable to travel via GoToMeeting. Decisions are tentatively scheduled to be made by June 19<sup>th</sup>.

When appointed, the GYC Orientation for all members is scheduled for August 8<sup>th</sup>. **Attendance for this meeting is mandatory.**

**Application Forms and Requirements**

A complete application consists of:

- Contact information – **Part I**
- Mini-essay – **Part II**
- Signature page – **Part III**
- One letter of recommendation which can be from a teacher, faculty member or youth group leader – **Part IV**
- Must be a sophomore, junior or senior for the 2015 – 2016 school year
- Must be able to attend the GYC Orientation August 8<sup>th</sup>

**Complete applications can be mailed, emailed, faxed or delivered in person by May 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm to:**

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**Contact Information - Part I**

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade during the 2015-2016 school year? \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you able to attend the GYC Orientation in Phoenix on August 8<sup>th</sup>?** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION**

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Is at least one parent/guardian aware that you are applying for this council? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Mini Essay - Part II**

Please respond to the following question. Your answers must be typed, double-spaced and in 12 point font.

1. What is the most critical issue facing youth in Arizona today and what would you suggest doing to help address this issue?

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**Signature Page - Part III**

**GYC Applicant**

If selected to serve on the Governor's Youth Commission for the 2015-2016 year, I am fully aware of the Agreements of Membership and will abide by these Agreements at all times. I am also aware that my participation as a member of the GYC is held at the discretion of the staff and that my behavior reflects that of the Governor's office and the State of Arizona.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Parent/Guardian**

I hereby provide my consent for my child to serve, if selected, as a member of the Governor's Youth Commission for the 2015-2016 year. I understand that this is an important commitment and I will support my youth's full participation on the Commission.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**Letter of Recommendation Page - Part IV**

Please include one letter of recommendation with the application. The letter can be from a teacher, faculty member, community leader or youth group leader.